

To the Mullin-Kille company, Columbus, Ohio, we express appreciation for the finest City Directory in Hope's history.

Delivery of the books this week disclosed that the venture to which we committed ourselves last summer was a thoroughly competent job, a 300-page book listing not only the people of Hope but those living in the suburbs who are actually a part of the town.

Your correspondent, like other business men of the town, supported the Mullin-Kille book with advertising, and on seeing the finished work we feel repaid. A city directory is one of those things which sometimes languish for 10 years, until the value has been completely eroded. It should be revised and re-issued periodically so that its information will always be up-to-date. All of us realize this when looking at the new book.

And congratulations again to the Mullin-Kille people for a good job.

From State Senator F. C. Crow I received the following letter this morning:

"Today (March 1) I attempted to amend the military appropriation bill to provide that an armory be built at Hope. Of course the amendment was not adopted, but I now hold in my hand a note written by General H. L. McCallister which reads as follows:

"'Hope is No. 1 on the priority list for an armory. (Signed) H. L. McCallister.'"

"This note was sent to me in answer to my question as to whether or not Hope would get an armory out of this appropriation.

"You might be interested to know that I was one of the 11 senators that voted against increasing the state income tax. However, I must add the bill passed by a vote of 21. Your friend, F. C. Crow."

Twenty years ago when I consolidated the local papers and became a citizen of Hope one of the first pieces of public business I met with was a committee meeting to confer with state military representatives who were going to buy a property here for an armory. It never came off.

And before World War II Roy Johnson, several other local men and I drove to Little Rock to renew our plea for Hope's long-promised but never-delivered armory. We didn't get it then, either. But we did get this: The Military Department announced that "Hope is No. 1 on the priority list."

We appreciate Senator Crow's interest and persistence.

But, just to keep the record straight, we assure him the Military Department hasn't changed its punch-list in 20 years.

Hope: You are Priority No. 11

The senator reports he went down to defeat in opposing the bill to eliminate federal income tax payments at exemptions under the state tax. But he did vote right.

It may be that the new state income tax bill can be forced to a state referendum test—where it would certainly be beaten.

And if that fails there is a grim alternative to meet pressure with counter-pressure. That is, if certain groups persist in ignoring fair play on the income tax front, we might initiate a bill in the next general election to reduce the state sales tax percentage. That's fighting fire with fire—but it usually works.

## London Man May Have Killed Six

London, March 2 — (UP) — A handsome London business man was charged today with murdering a wealthy widow whose accented body was found in a deserted room with traces of an uncertain number of other human bodies.

The victim was Mrs. Olivia Durand-Deacon, 69, who had been sought throughout the county since she disappeared from her hotel 12 days ago.

Formally accused of murdering her was John Haigh, 39. A medium-sized man with a neat black mustache, he lived at the same hotel as Mrs. Durand-Deacon. He had told police he had an appointment with her the day she disappeared to discuss the manufacture of plastic fingernails, which she wore. She did not keep the appointment, he added.

Haigh had been questioned for several days even before the discovery of the remains of the widow in a grave-like mound outside a vacant factory in Crawley, Sussex. Officials said traces of at least two more accented bodies were found in the yard, and possibly six persons had been victimized by an acid murderer in the past three years.

Until today Haigh had been described as an "acquaintance" of the widow who was assisting Scotland Yard in the investigation. He had told authorities that he was considering investing money in a project they had discussed for making plastic fingernails.

Scotland Yard men combed the yard where the human remains were unearthed. Two sulphuric acid containers were found, as were a drum of oil, three tattered ration books, and the charred portion of a plastic handbag belonging to the widow.

After all-night laboratory tests, Dr. Keith Simpson, home office pathologist, gave a report to Scotland Yard on the findings in Crawley.

## Ash Wednesday

Ash Wednesday, first day of Lent, will be observed at St. Mark's Episcopal Church with services at 7:30 p.m. tomorrow. It was announced today.

## Red Mission Blocked by U. S. Soldiers

Frankfurt, Germany, March 2 — (AP)—Armed military police today blocked a Russian mission which refused American orders to leave the U. S. zone of Germany.

Supplies of water, gas and electricity were cut off and telephones disconnected in the bloodless siege of the Russian repatriation mission here. Food was shut off by orders to M.P.'s to arrest anyone trying to enter the building or leave it.

Four officers and four soldiers and their families are in the mission. No one knew how much food they had.

A Russian officer, apparently from the Soviet military mission, tried to enter the house, but was turned away by an M.P.

The mission handled the return of Displaced Persons to Russia.

Gen. Lucius D. Clay, American military governor, on Feb. 16 asked the mission to leave by March 1 because the number of D.P.'s now agreeing to return to Russia is negligible. He said the regular Russian military mission could handle the work and offered the credentials of the repatriation mission.

The Russians protested vehemently and denounced the order as a violation of the Yalta and Potsdam agreements.

The U. S. Army set a deadline of last midnight for the Russians to leave. But forceful measures were not planned.

Gen. Clay said "as long as they don't want to get out of the house, we are in no hurry about getting them out."

The Russians remained in the house and at midnight the big yellow building was a blaze of light.

At about 8 a. m. this morning (1 a. m. CST) a platoon of American military police headed by Col. Sterling Wood, Frankfurt provost marshal, left American military post headquarters and went to the mission, located in the heart of Frankfurt's American community.

When they arrived at the building, Wood pounded on the front door and then the rear gates. He was ignored.

## 'Lonely Heart' Slayers Killed an Arkansan

Grand Rapids, Mich., March 2 — (UP)—Lists of missing women in a dozen states were checked today to learn if the lonely heart killers had slain more than three victims.

A list of 17 lonely heart correspondents in 12 states, including the name of one woman they already had killed, was found in the possession of the kill-for-cash couple, Raymond Fernandez, 34, a tanned, Spanish casanova and his fat paramour, Mrs. Martha Beck, 30.

Fernandez, who has married several lonely widows during four years as a love swindler, and his 200-pound mistress admitted slaying Mrs. Dolphine Downing, 28, and her three-year-old daughter Reinele, in nearby Byron Center, Mich., March 1, in Valley Stream, N. Y.

They were the only victims. But doubtful police began checking all lists of missing women and reopened investigations into the mysterious deaths of two other women who had been slain.

Fernandez had swindled these were: Mrs. Jane Wilson, 50, of New York, who accompanied him to Cuba, Spain, in 1947 and died in an European "train wreck"; Mrs. Myrtle Young, 40, who died in Green Forest, Ark., last Aug. 25, a few days after accompanying Fernandez to Chicago. She was swindled out of several thousand dollars.

Fernandez and Mrs. Beck, who met by mail two years ago in one of the correspondence clubs through which they sought their victims, were held for trial on first degree murder charges, although Michigan law does not provide capital punishment.

New York authorities, who hoped to extradite the pair for the slaying of Mrs. Fay, so they could be given a death sentence must wait at least two years to prosecute them. That length of a life term must be served under Michigan law before extradition is possible.

Fernandez and Mrs. Beck were arrested yesterday after Mrs. Beck's neighbors became suspicious.

"You have me dead to rights," Fernandez told police. "I might as well tell everything."

He confessed he shot the woman between the eyes last Saturday after Mrs. Beck, posing as a nurse, had given her an overdose of sleeping pills. The next day when the child "whimpered and cried all day and refused to eat" Mrs. Beck held her head under water for minutes, then bashed in her skull.

Liquor Raid Near Sutton Brings One Arrest, 20 Gallons

Prescott—A raid on a liquor still near Sutton early today resulted in the seizure of 20 gallons of moonshine liquor and the arrest of Terrell Brantley. Participating in the raid were Deputy Sheriff Horace Hale, Prescott Chief Johnson and State Policeman Irby.

## American Law Course Open to Local Adults

James H. Jones, superintendent of schools, announced today that a course in American Law is being offered on the Adult Education program. This course is open to veterans and non-veterans. Classes meet three hours each night on Mondays and Tuesdays. Anyone desiring to enroll for this course must do so on or before March 10. Veterans will draw on fourth subsistence while taking this course. Mitchell Sparks will be the instructor. Those desiring to enroll should go to the Veterans Office, third floor, Courthouse.

## Prosecution Says Pastors' Case 'Clear'

Sofia, Bulgaria, March 2 — (AP)—The prosecution in Bulgaria's trial of 15 Protestant pastors accused of spying for the United States and Britain today suddenly cancelled the scheduled appearance of 42 of its witnesses.

The prosecution said "the evidence is abundant and clear. We need not hear any more."

The government had intended to present 35 witnesses against the defendants, all of whom signed confessions while they were held secretly for three months by the Communist security police.

The cancellation of the remaining testimony came after the court had heard a dragging parade of witnesses who sought to prove that the pastors were spying for the U. S. and Britain.

The testimony hammered at the United States and American church missions. Apparently the government intended to incriminate any Bulgarian sect which had ties with western church headquarters and to sever those ties.

The prosecution appeared to be trying to show that funds sent by American missions to Bulgarian churches were not church aid but pay for espionage. The defendants also are accused of black market money trading.

The cutting of Bulgarian church relations with the West is the primary objective of a new church law now before parliament.

The prosecution witnesses accused the pastors not only of spying and black market trading, but of fighting the Communist government. One star witness, Christo Stratev, former general secretary of the Agrarian union, was brought from jail to testify. He is under arrest for his activities in the Agrarian party whose leader was executed in 1947.

## Crow Loses First Round of Armory Fight

Senator F. C. Crow has momentarily lost his fight in the Arkansas senate to guarantee a National Guard Armory for his home town, Hope.

He introduced an amendment late yesterday which would have tacked a rider on bill appropriating \$250,000 for new armories to guarantee Hope the first one built.

He said he had a letter from acting Adjutant H. L. McCallister saying Hope had first priority and he just wanted the amendment as a "memory pad" for the General.

Senator Ed Cash of Malvern said he had a letter from an armory too. He said a motor pool building already is being built at Hope. Crow called it a "garage."

Then Senator Winfield Lake said DeQuenne needed an armory, and Senator George E. Freeman of Clarksville took up the chant.

Crow offered to compromise, saying he would vote for "your amendment if you will vote for mine." But that didn't seem to satisfy senators. They defeated his amendment on voice vote.

## World Day of Prayer to Be Observed Here

World Day of Prayer will be observed by the United Council of Church Women on Friday, March 4, at 2:30 p.m. at the First Methodist church of Hope.

The theme of the service is "The Lord is Thy Keeper" and the devotionals will be by Mrs. Ed Galloway of Prescott, president of the Little Rock Conference of Women's Society of Christian Service of the Methodist church.

Several sacred selections will be presented by the Choral Club of the Friday Music Club.

The Day of Prayer has been observed for many years throughout the world by Christian Protestant women the first Friday of Lent, having had its beginning through the Home Mission Council and the Foreign Mission Conference of Protestant churches.

All women are invited to this service.

## Singing Service

Regular singing services will be held at Unity Baptist Church of Hope at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 6. The public is invited.

## Church Services Sunday at Old Liberty

Church services will be held at Old Liberty Church, near Crossroads, Sunday, March 6, at 3 p.m. instead of 9:30 a.m. W. C. Lewis, pastor, announced. The public is invited.

## Defense Blocs May Replace UN as Guardian

London, March 2 — (UP)—The Western Democrats are working out a series of regional defense blocs which may replace the United Nations as guardian of their security.

If and when all the blocs are completed, they would cover every major region of the world except Soviet Russia, her satellites and China.

The Russians call the Western plan "capitalistic encirclement"—the atomic age version of the old "cordon sanitaire."

The West, however, insists the plan is a system of defense for self preservation. Westerners consider it a warning to any potential aggressor that he will meet organized resistance if he starts something.

The West insists that arrangements for regional defense are necessary because Russia has converted the United Nations into a "bawling cockpit."

One regional pact already exists. It has been signed, sealed and is in effect. This is the pact of Rio de Janeiro for defense of the Western hemisphere. It was drafted at Petropolis, Brazil, in the summer of 1947. It was ratified by the necessary two-thirds of the states last year.

Another regional pact, the North Atlantic pact, is nearly ready. By summer it should be a reality. It will link the United States and Canada with the Brussels pact countries—Britain, France, Belgium, Holland and Luxembourg.

The Brussels pact also exists. It binds the five Western union countries of Europe into a strong military alliance.

Now there is more and more discussion by officials of the need for perhaps two or three more pacts: (1) a Mediterranean pact; (2) a Pacific pact; and (3) a south-east Asian pact.

Each of these pacts, except the Rio treaty, is aimed directly at "containment of communism. And even the Western hemisphere treaty, although conceived when Nazism rather than communism was the great threat, is now thought of as a defense against the major potential enemy of the West.

Britain's wartime premier, Winston Churchill, virtually sounded the death knell of the United Nations this week in Brussels where he was speaking for a federated Europe.

## Children's Clinic to Be Held Here

The Crippled Children's Clinic will be held at Hope, Arkansas on March 17, 1949 from 9 a. m. to 12 noon in the Educational Building of the First Baptist church. Children from Hempstead, Nevada, Little River, Lafayette, Miller and Sevier counties will attend.

An immunization clinic will begin in McCaskill White School on March 8, at 1:30 p.m.

The Maternal and Child Conference will meet at Iron Springs school on March 11, at 1:30 p.m.

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## A Beachcomber's Life on a Palm Fringed Island Is Anything But Restful

By HAL BOYLE  
St. Petersburg, Fla., — (AP) — A beachcomber's life on a palm fringed island is anything but a restful adventure.

It is fun—if you don't mind hard work and doing without modern kitchen and bathroom conveniences.

At least that has been the experience of two young honeymooning couples here. They didn't have to go to the South Seas. They carved wilderness homes on Cabbage Key, a lonely 2,000-acre island jutting twelve miles southwest of this Florida West Coast tourist metropolis.

A year ago Claude and Eva McCall came and built themselves a two-room palm-thatched cottage in a clearing near the bay. Last October another young couple, Malcolm and Barbara Simmons, moved to Cabbage Key and cleared a home site, too.

Since then the two couples have lived happily a la Tarzan, working companionably together to turn the island into an Eden of comfort and plenty. They say they have found both romance and happiness.

"One reason it has worked out so well is that it was our wives who wanted to try this Robinson Crusoe life," smiled McCall, a slim tanned former radio repairman.

He has a small, leaky motorboat. He and Simmons use it to go clamming or shrimp fishing to earn what cash money they need.

"I guess it is really harder work than fixing radios," McCall said. "but somehow it doesn't seem like work."

Actually neither couple requires much money. They have no rent, their clothing upkeep is at minimum, and there are no bars, night clubs, or movies on the island. The only neighbor is old Uncle Silas, a bearded, bearded, bearded hermit.

"We can live real well here and have a darn good diet for \$10 a week," said Barbara. Most of that

## Wassell Named Mayor for Second Term

Little Rock, March 2 — (AP)—Greater Little Rock mayors had varying success in city Democratic primaries yesterday.

Little Rock Mayor Wassell, seeking a second term nomination, defeated Alderman Franklin Loy, 7,224 to 3,907.

North Little Rock's Edlro Johnson, also seeking a second term, apparently lost to former Mayor Ross Layton. Complete unofficial returns gave Layton 2,948 to 2,218 for Johnson. Johnson said he was considering a contest in one precinct.

The vote total was a record for a mayor's contest in each city.

## 'Independence' Resolution Hits Snag

By JIM THOMASSON

Little Rock, March 2 — (AP)—The Arkansas house today refused to pass a resolution of independence.

After debate in which Governor McMath's administration was criticized, the house rejected, 14 to 33, a resolution stating that:

"We now issue a new declaration of independence and declare on our honor that we will not further surrender our prerogatives and rights to represent our people who elected us, who pay us, and who trust us with their most precious possession, their government."

The resolution was introduced by Rep. R. C. Willis of Arkansas county who declared that "I feel like this legislature has lost all authority."

The resolution declared that the legislature "has almost completely surrendered the functions of the legislative department to the executive department. It would have put its name on record as 'admitting our impotence and declaring that we have had but very little authority over, or part in formulating the important legislation which has gone before the legislature.'"

The resolution also stated that "we do not in any way place blame or dishonor on our governor, our speaker, nor any officer of this state, but do declare that it is a condition inherited from our predecessors."

Speaking for his resolution, Willis said the declaration of authority to the executive branch of government "climaxed two years ago when we gave the executive power to appoint 14 members of the legislative council."

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## Republicans Counter With Tax Cut Plan

Washington, March 2 — (AP)—House Republicans lined up today behind their own plan to cut taxes as a counter proposal to President Truman's request for \$4,000,000,000 in additional revenue.

Without taking a definite stand on general taxes such as those on incomes, the GOP leaders came out strongly for cuts in excise taxes. These are imposed on train fare, telephone tolls, movie tickets, etc.

The Republicans proposed the reduction as the first order of business for the 81st congress.

The GOP decision was announced yesterday by Republican Leader Martin of Massachusetts after the first meeting of the new Republican policy committee.

Committee members were set up last month to speak for GOP house members on issues coming before congress.

Its unanimous endorsement of the excise tax said the need is "immediate and imperative."

The new tax schedule backed by the Republicans is embraced in a bill already introduced by Martin, who said after the meeting he believes the ways and means committee will approve it or a substitute.

The Republican bill would not disturb the present \$9-per-proof-gallon tax on liquor. It would restore other excise rates to pre-war levels.

Rates on jewelry, furs and admissions would be cut from 20 per cent to 10 per cent; electric lights and bulbs, from 20 to 5; bowling alleys and billiard tables from 120 to \$10 a year; cable, radio and leased wire messages, telephone tolls and cameras from 20 to 10; films and photographic plates from 15 to 10; transportation, 15 to 5; local telephone bills 15 to 10; luggage, from 20 per cent on retail sales to 10 per cent on manufacturers; toilet goods, from 10 per cent on retail sales to 11 per cent on manufacturers.

The tax would be removed on sales on jewelry items retailing at less than \$25.

## GOPs Told to Vote as Please on Filibuster

Washington, March 2 — (UP)—Sen. Arthur H. Vandenberg (R-Mich.), told his Republican colleagues today that they can vote to end the senate's anti-filibuster debate without fear of offending him.

Breaking a long silence on the issue, Vandenberg said that if a test vote is taken, GOP senators should vote according to their own convictions, since they should not be swayed by any feeling of loyalty to him.

It was Vandenberg who, as senate president, ruled last year that a cloture or "gag" could be imposed only on debate on bills—not on motions to take them up.

It is this rule the administration now wants to change.

Administration leaders have asked the senate to take up a proposed switch in senate rules that would permit cutting off debate on any issue not on just a bill—a two-thirds vote. Since Monday, southern senators have spoken out angrily against such a change. In the past, they have taken advantage of the senate's rules of debate to filibuster against civil rights legislation.

Sen. Nathan Gordon, though admitting a "serious doubt," formally ruled the measure passed by the senate's 21 to 9 vote.

Sen. Earl Smith of Jonesboro objected on ground that a three-fourths majority was required.

The house already has passed the bill, which sponsors say would increase state revenue \$2,500,000 annually. It originally was proposed by Governor McMath, who is considered certain to sign it.

Proponents of the bill failed yesterday to obtain adoption of the emergency clause to make it effective immediately. Note was given that reconsideration of the vote by which the emergency clause failed would be asked.

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An \$825,000 annual appropriation for the Arkansas Game and Fish Commission failed to pass, being one vote short of the needed three-fourths majority. Notice was given that reconsideration would be sought.

The rules committee has the job of deciding what bills are to be taken up in the house, and under what procedure. Rankin's bill has been approved by the House veterans' committee of which he is chairman.

House leaders and the Truman administration are opposed to the bill because of the prospective cost.

While hostile house leaders stuck by their announced plans not to try to block debate on the bill, Chairman Sabath (D-Ill.) repeated he was ready to permit Rankin to take the pension issue into the house for a showdown.

Rankin's bill provides for payment of \$90 a month to all 18,600-000 veterans of World Wars I and II at age 65, and \$120 a month for all veterans so completely helpless from physical or mental disabilities that they require an attendant.

Rankin estimates the cost of pensions at \$62,000,000 the first year, other estimates figure the total cost of the bill at \$150,000,000 (B) by the time the greatest possible number of veterans become eligible for its benefits.

## Review Asked of Project Asked by Arkansans

West Memphis, March 2 — (AP)—Directors of the St. Francis levee district—spurred on by East Arkansas property owners—have asked army engineers to review plans for the Memphis, Tenn., harbor project.

The project—among other things—would close Tennessee chute, an arm of the Mississippi River at Memphis. The plan calls for the chute to become a calm-water river harbor.

The resolution adopted here yesterday by the directors would have this portion of the plan carefully restudied. Property owners in the lowlying Arkansas area along the river fear closure of the chute would heighten the flood danger.

The chute is a straight "short-cut" across the base of a huge bend in the Mississippi at Memphis. Arkansans fear a closed chute would put more pressure into the bend during high water and send the river over the levees.

Col. L. H. Focht, head of the Memphis district, corps of engineers, said the project would not be detrimental to Arkansas. His view was supported by W. G. Huxtable, chief engineer of the St. Francis district.

## City Election to Be Held March 3

Although intense interest seems to be lacking the City of Hope will hold an election Thursday, March 3, for purpose of naming city officers.

Only one race is contested, Webb Lascor, Jr. is opposed by LaGrange Williams for Alderman of Ward 2, the office being vacated by Vic Cobb.

Ward 2 will vote at the Court-house, Ward 1 at Fire Station and Wards 3 and 4 at Hope City Hall.

## Last Barlow Hotel Sold at Malvern

Malvern, March 2 — (AP)—The Barlow family has sold the last of the hotels in Arkansas bearing its name.

Mrs. and Mrs. R. P. Barlow announced that Mrs. A. L. Porter has purchased the Barlow here.

First of the Barlow hotels was established by Barlow's father at Hope in 1885.

Mr. and Mrs. Barlow will continue to live at Malvern in the Barlow cottage adjoining the hotel.

## Senate Vote Hikes State Income Tax

Little Rock, March 2 — (AP)—The Arkansas legislature has completed its removal of any concession in payment of state income taxes for similar taxes paid to the federal government.

The senate voted late yesterday to eliminate a provision of the law which allows a taxpayer to credit himself in computing state income taxes for 50 per cent of the amount he has paid in federal income taxes.

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## New Orleans Wreck After Celebration

New Orleans, March 2 — (UP)—The debris, swamped the streets littered with empty bottles, beer cans and confetti in the pre-dawn today to exchange gay costumes for sack cloth and ashes with the nation's costliest hangover blowout—just a hangover hangover.



Social and Personal

**Social Calendar**

**Wednesday, March 2nd**  
There will be a meeting of the Board of Education and Workers Council of First Methodist church Wednesday evening at 7:30 o'clock.

The First Methodist church choir will practice Wednesday, March 2nd at 7:30 p.m.

The Intermediate Royal Ambassadors will meet Wednesday evening at 8:30 o'clock with Mrs. Yocom as counselor at the church.

**Wednesday, March 2nd**  
The Business Women's Circle of the W.M.U. will have charge of the following at the First Baptist church Wednesday night at 7:15 o'clock, in observance of the Annie Armstrong Home Mission program:

**Thursday, March 3**  
There will be choir rehearsal of the First Christian Church choir Thursday, March 3rd, 7:30 p.m.

Chapter No. 328, O.E.S. will meet Thursday, 7:30 p.m., at the Masonic hall. Mrs. Minnie Hazlett, district deputy grand lecturer, will be present. The society matrons asks all members to be present. Refreshments will be served.

The W.M.U. will meet Thursday at 2:30 p.m. at the First Baptist church for the concluding program of the Annie Armstrong Home Mission program. The program will be in charge of Mrs. J. T. Bowden and the subject of the day will be "Our Prayers and Our Money Committed Unto God." A full attendance is urged.

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**Ray MILLAND in "SEALED VERDICT"** with Florence MARLY

**SAENGER**

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FEATURES  
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Authorities Reopen Case

Green Forest, March 2 — (P) — Was an Arkansas woman another victim of a balding mail order Romeo who is said by Michigan authorities to have admitted killing three persons?

Sheriff Arni Howerton of Carroll county said today he has reopened the case of the strange death of Mrs. Myrtle Young, 42, at the request of Prosecutor Roger C. McManis of Elyon Center, Mich.

Howerton said McManis had requested that the body of Mrs. Young be exhumed, but didn't know whether the request would be complied with.

Mrs. Young, a heavy-set divorcee, died Aug. 26, 1948, after selling her hotel here and going to Chicago to marry a man she had met through a matrimonial agency.

(At the state hospital in Little Rock, where Mrs. Young died, officials said the cause of death was heart disease, but that she suffered a variety of other ailments. They said they found she had suffered a cerebral hemorrhage several weeks before her death, but the cause was not external injuries.)

Howerton said he was seeking to determine whether the man was Raymond Martinez Fernandez, 34, held with a woman in Grand Rapids, Mich., in connection with the deaths of three persons.

The sheriff said Mrs. Young gave the name of the man she thought she married in Chicago as "Raymond C. Martin," but that no record of such a marriage had been found.

Howerton said after reaching Chicago Aug. 12, Mrs. Young wired a bank in Green Forest to send her funds she had on deposit and placed the money in a joint account in a Chicago bank. Two thousand dollars, the sheriff said, she spent for a car. A woman letter withdrew the remainder of the money in the account.

Mrs. Young never was able to give a coherent story of events which occurred after she reached Chicago. She was found in a Springfield, Mo., bus station Aug. 18, suffering a nervous condition. She was placed in the state hospital.

Howerton said Mrs. Young sold her hotel for \$8,000 at the urging of her suitor. A brother of Mrs. Young, Louis Satterfield of Green Forest, said his sister first met her suitor at Springfield, Mo., a short time before she went to Chicago.

Cloudy Weather Saves Crops in Some Areas

By United Press

Unexpectedly cloudy weather saved the Georgia and South Carolina peach crops from a disastrous freeze today but farmers in other parts of the country worried about floods and grasshoppers.

Sharp drops had been expected in the southeastern states but an unexpected cloud cover retained daytime warmth and held temperatures to 35-40 degrees in Georgia and 20-33 degrees in South Carolina.

About 20 per cent of the peach belt trees are in bloom and some growers used oil smudges earlier this week when the mercury dipped below freezing. Some damage was reported.

C. R. Mason, Morgan county (Ga.) orchardman who has 25,000 trees said some varieties had been damaged 50 per cent, others about 10 per cent.

**Open House Compliments**  
Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Franks

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Russell Owen of Fayetteville entertained with an "Open House" at their home on Skyline Drive, Saturday evening, February 26th, in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clifford Franks.

The home was beautifully decorated with ivory gladioli, yellow snapdragons, and gerberas. Miss Betty Joe Henry of El Dorado greeted the guests at the door, and Miss Becky Jordan of Arkadelphia assisted in the dining room.

Thirty-two guests called during the evening.

**W. M. U. Holds Second Mission Program**

The W.M.U. met at the First Baptist church Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock for the second meeting in observance of the Annie Armstrong Home Mission program. Mrs. James Birkhead was in charge of the program "The Gospel Committed Unto Us—That We Might By All Means Save Some." Tuesday's topic was "Servant Unto All."

Mrs. Birkhead gave an inspiring devotional and those taking part on the program were: Mrs. Cy Forsythe who gave "Given In Trust," Mrs. A. W. Martin "Sharing Enthusiasm," Mrs. A. T. Jewell "That We Might Save Some," Mrs. F. M. Horton "Forward Looking." The group sang "I Love To Tell the Story" and Mrs. C. C. Collins topic was "Meet the Migrants."

Mrs. W. P. Singleton "Goodwill Centers." The meeting was closed with the Season of Prayer and the offering was given by 20 members present.

**Coming and Going**

Mrs. Wm. M. Duckett has returned from the Physician and Surgeon's Hospital in Shreveport where she underwent a minor operation.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Clifford Franks left Tuesday night for Arkadelphia where they will make their home on Eighth Street.

Mr. and Mrs. G. O. Kelly had as Tuesday guests Mrs. Kelly's brothers, C. D. McDonald of Atlanta, T. B. McDonald of Dallas, and D. L. McDonald of Magnolia.

E. A. Morsani returned from Tontitown, where he visited his mother, Mrs. Virginia Morsani.

Mrs. F. M. Horton and Mrs. John S. Gibson, Jr. are spending Wednesday in Little Rock.

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He said that his love for me was dead. I did not believe it. I fought. I cajoled. I played for time. We are not ready for a divorce. I told him. Wait until our son is married. Let's pay off our mortgage. We are not financially ready for it. Meanwhile I dressed more attractively, neglected my housework and went out more so as not to have time to cry in my misery. I kept my sorrow to myself, for all the time I could not believe he would leave his family, though he constantly told me how much he adored the Other Woman and how anxious he was to make a new start with her; but I was not defeated.

After a few months he emerged from his love sickness a purified man, and he loves me more than he ever did. It was worth while. I loved him enough to save him not only for myself and my sons, but to save him from himself. And I thank God that He gave me enough wisdom to do it.

A FAITHFUL WIFE

Answer: Thousands of women who have been devoted wives are first aid to divorce because they make it so easy for their husbands to cast them aside. The unhappy creatures, who have spent years slaving to make a comfortable home, bearing children, making their shoulders a ladder for their husbands to climb to success, are so stunned when they find that their husbands are tired of them and think themselves in love with some other woman that they have no fight left in them.

**Unnecessary Tragedy**

3 Amendments Sought for Vote in 1950

Little Rock, March 2 — (P) — If the Arkansas legislature follows the recommendation of a joint senate-house committee, the three proposed constitutional amendments to be submitted at the 1950 general election would:

Remove the present constitutional requirement that one must pay a poll tax before he may vote. (An amendment adopted at the 1948 general election permits the legislature to set up a system of voter registration, but does not repeal the poll tax requirement.)

Provide optional "home rule" for municipalities.

Provide four-year terms for certain state, county and district officers.

These three proposals — only three may be submitted by the legislature at any general election — were rejected last night by the joint committee on constitutional amendments from a list of 16 considered.

As second choices, the joint committee suggested a proposal that tax levies not become effective until after approval by the voters and that the state budget be prepared under direction of the governor.

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We have all seen this tragedy happen over and over again, but it wouldn't happen if more wives had the brains and the backbone of the woman who wrote this letter. I refused to let her life be wrecked by the folly of a middle-aged man who was suffering from the delusion that he was too young for his wife and had become a lady-killer. Many a broken heart could be saved, many a home kept intact, many a man saved from messing up his life if only his wife would fight for him, instead of surrendering him, without a struggle, to the Other Woman. For the average man who forces a good wife to divorce him is seldom happy in his new marriage. His conscience hurts him. He misses his children. And he has nothing in common with a girl who is young enough to be his daughter.

So it is up to the wife who has a husband whom she wants to keep to, at least, make a fight for him.

Dear Dorothy Dix: I have been married for 23 years, and what I would like to know is what a husband has to put up with. When I come home from work I have to wash the dishes, generally cook the supper, do the family washing and make up the beds. My wife always says she is too tired.

I work hard and make good money and I don't go out fishing, or hunting, or enjoy myself bowling. What's the answer?

F. F. X.

Answer: Goodness knows. I don't. I have never even seen such a paragon of a husband as you are. If your wife is stupid indeed if she is not cherishing you as if you were the apple of her eye.

Perhaps the trouble is that you let her sit around and suck her thumbs while you do all of the work. That makes her take advantage of your kindness. It is up to you to make her do her part of the chores. My advice to you is to stage a sitdown strike. Eat your dinner before you come home at night and let Georgianna know that if she won't cook supper she will have to go hungry. No man has to put up with a trifling wife unless he is afraid of her.

Dear Miss Dix: I am 19 years old. Have been married twice and divorced twice. I have been going with an elderly man of about 45 and he is on the verge of proposing. He has enough money to support my two children and me, but he is afraid of her.

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ways drunk. I don't love him a bit, but I need the money to support us. Should I marry him?

**WORRIED MOTHER**

Answer: Child, you don't know what being worried is until you marry drunkard who'll probably beat you when he comes home at night too soused to know what he is doing. And don't marry for money. No amount of it will compensate for the boredom you will have to go through in living with a man who is repulsive to you. I earnestly advise you not to choose marriage as a career and as an easy way of making a living. For the fact that at 19 years of age you have been married and twice divorced indicates that you have no gift for picking husbands.

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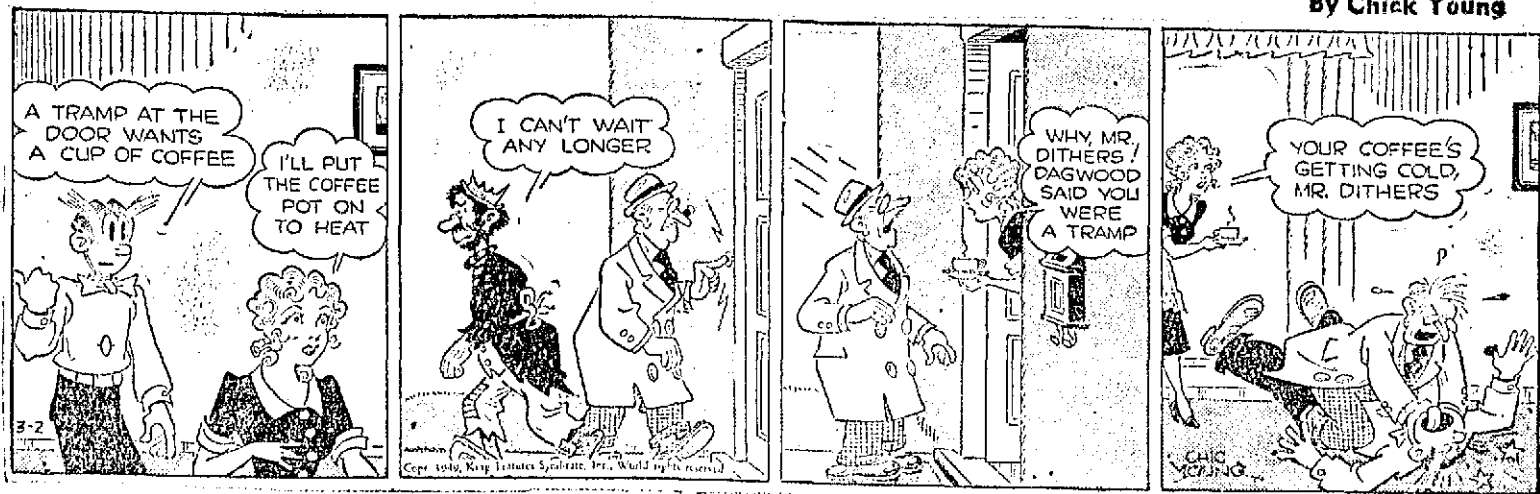
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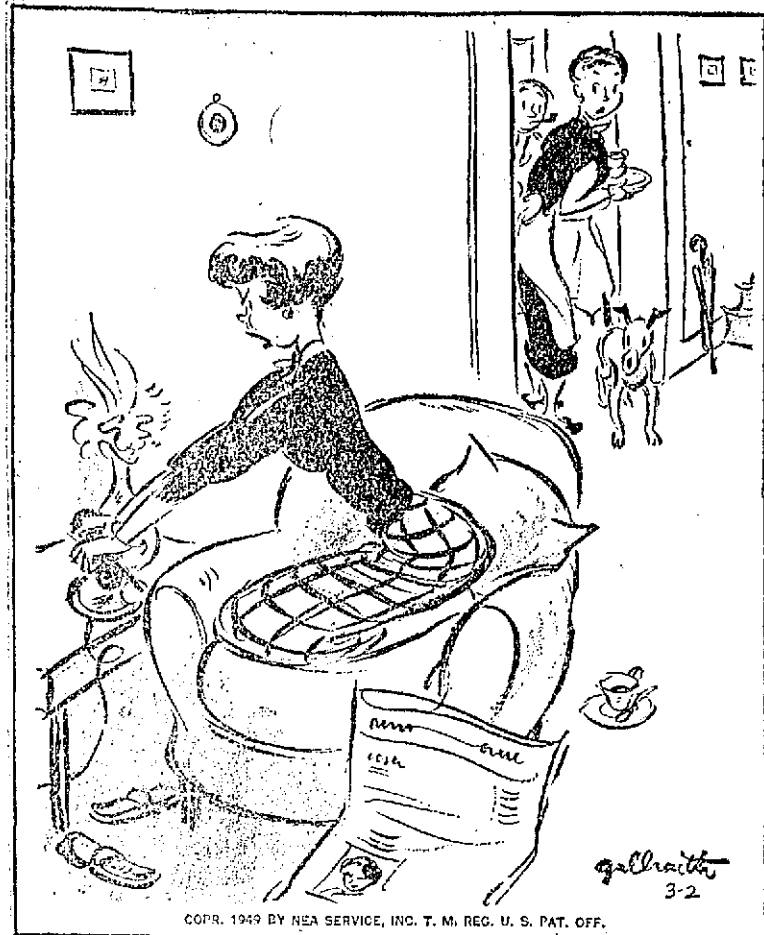
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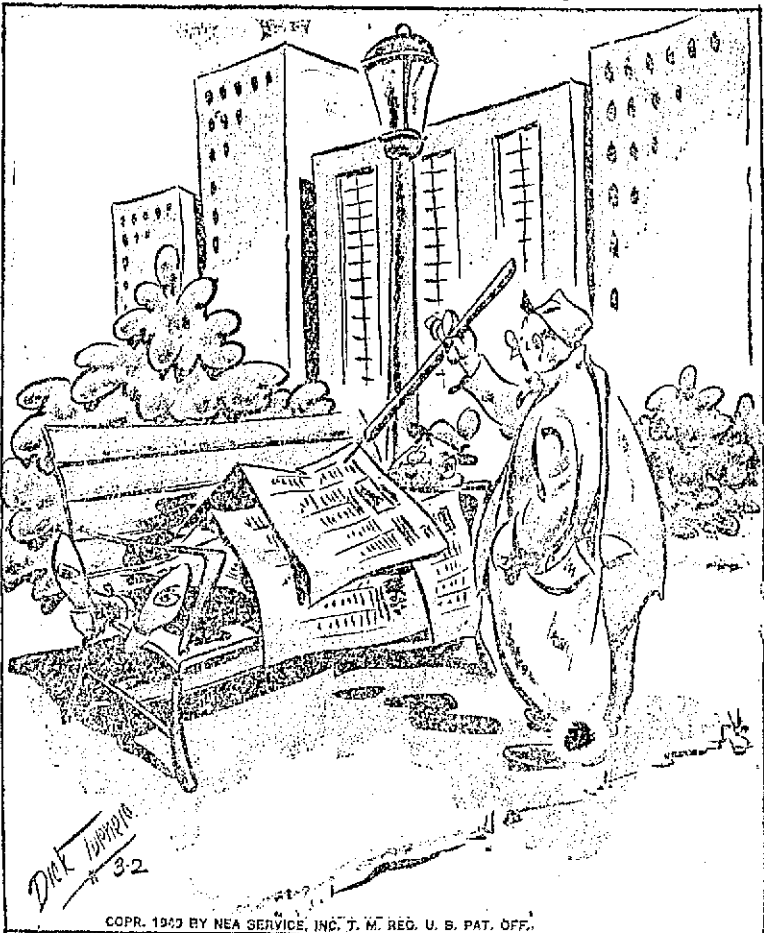
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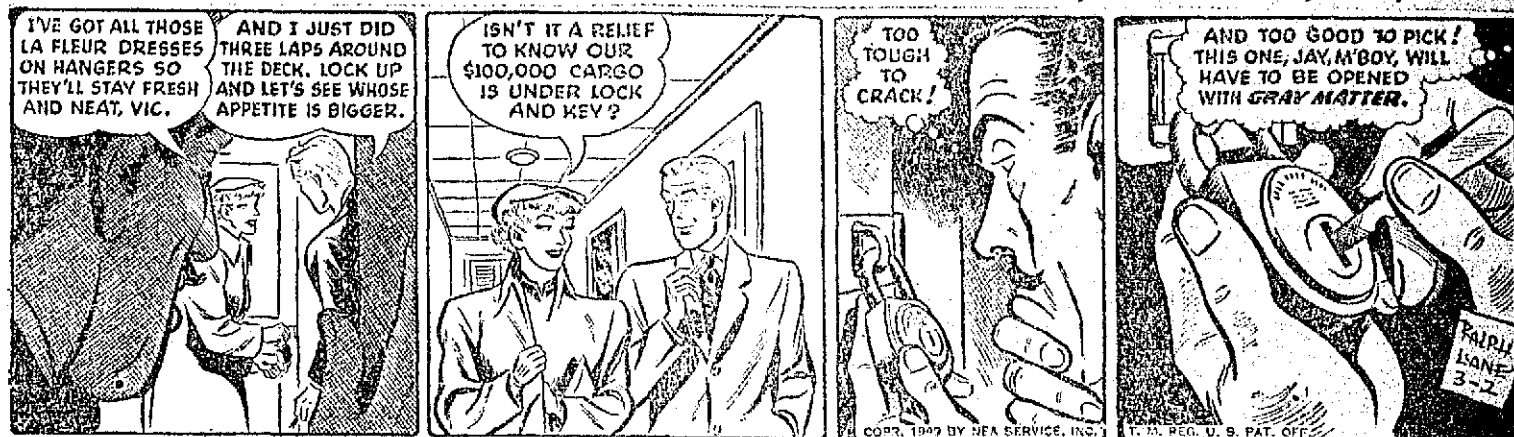
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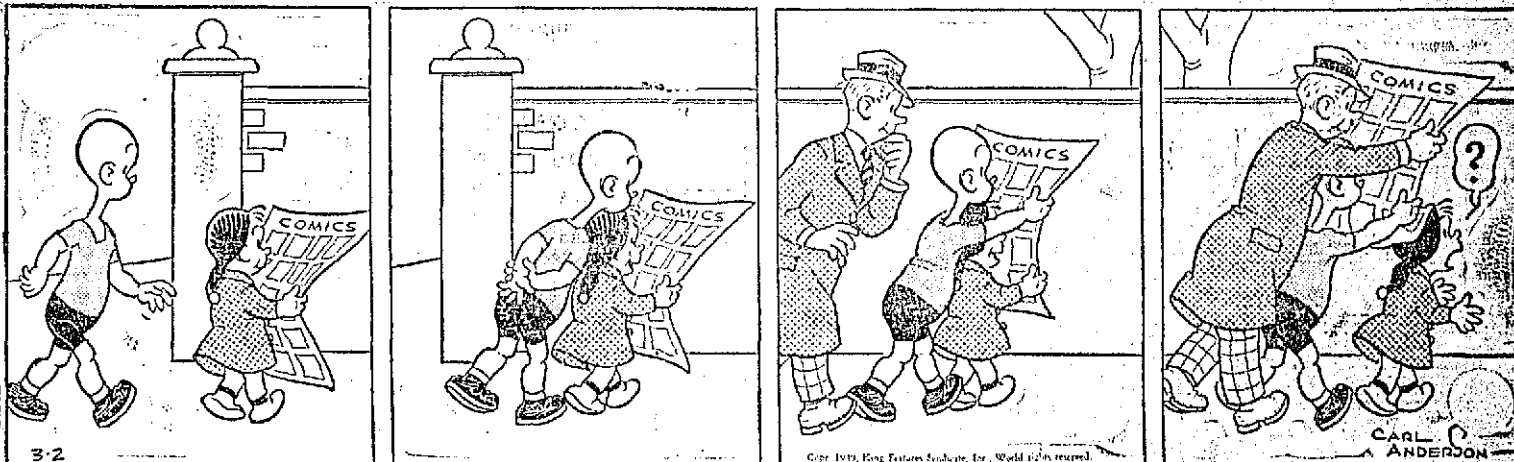
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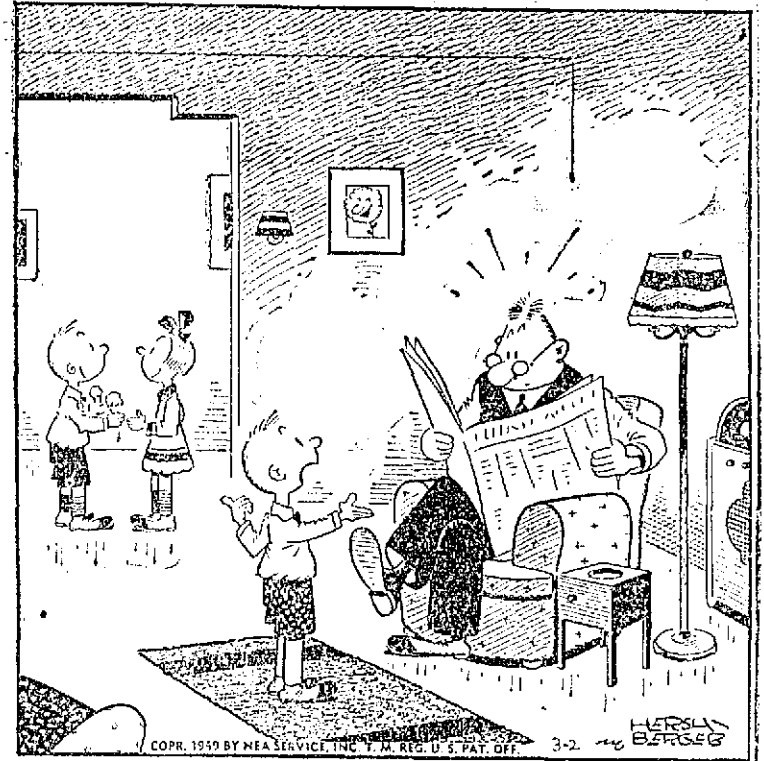
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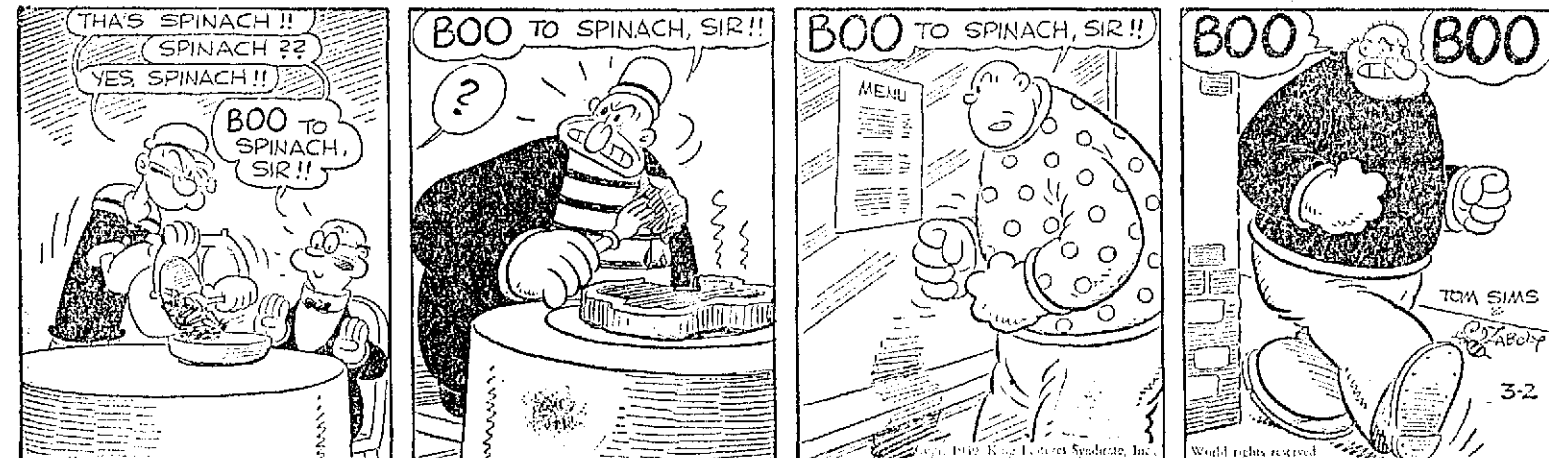


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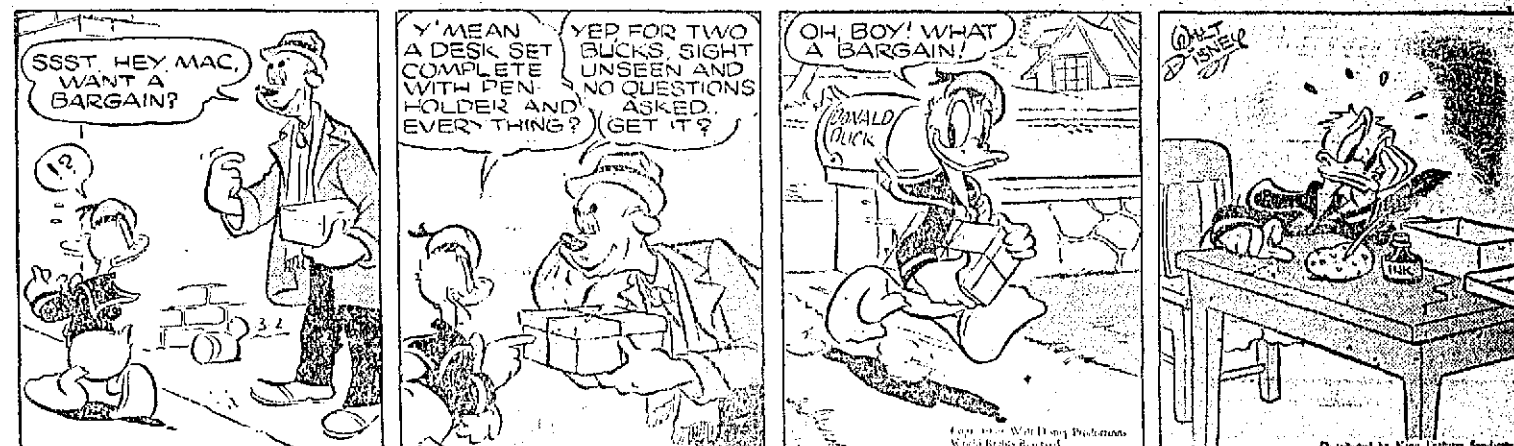
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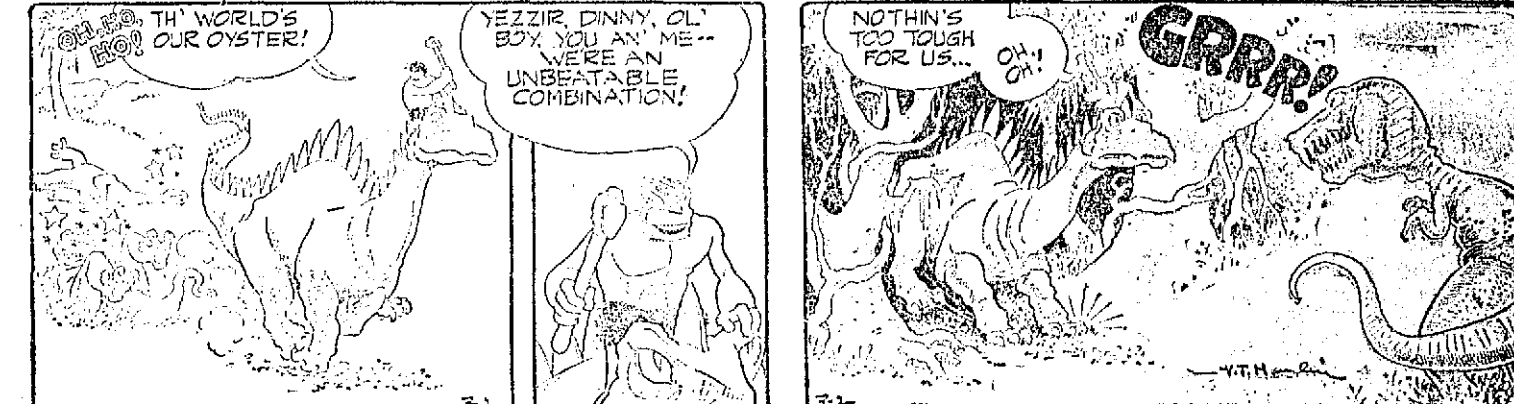
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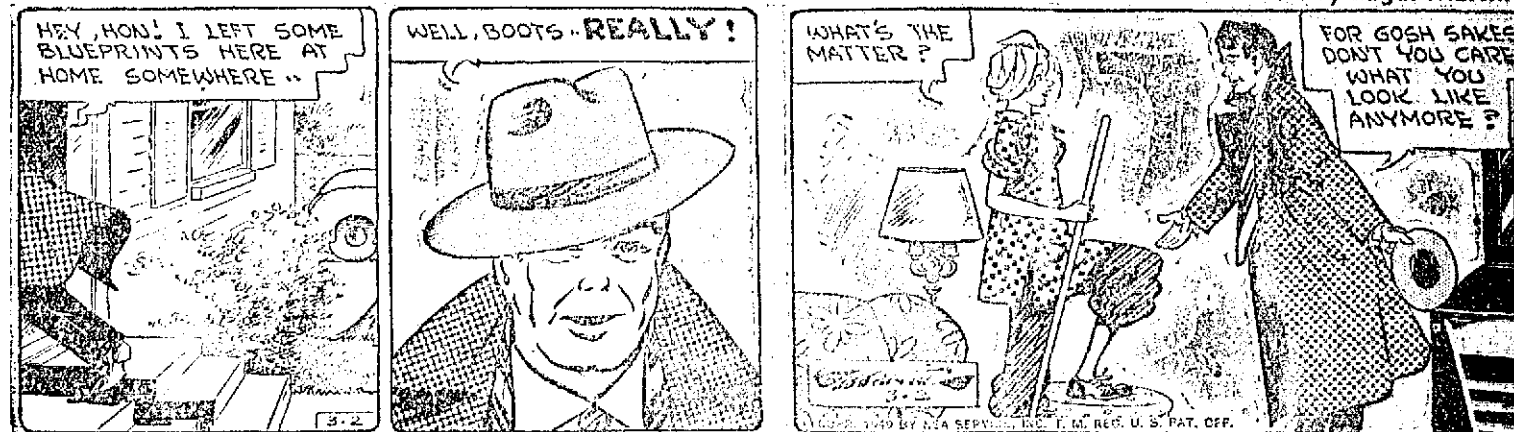
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